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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJ: CIVAIR : SUSPECTED SABOTAGE IN FLIGHT

1. REQUEST NAME CHECK ASAP ON FOLLOWING SUSPECT BEING HELD BY BANGKOK POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH IN-FLIGHT FIRE ABOARD PAA 002 (747) MORNING FEBRUARY 3: GOBIND RAM DANG, BORN QUETTA (PAK) OCTOBER 10, 1934, INDIAN PASSPORT NO J 258822, PERMANANT ADDRESS 149 PALISKAR COLONY, INDOREE MP. OUR CONSULAT'S FILES NEGATIVE.

2. SUSPECT BOARDED AIRCRAFT PAA 002 IN HONG KONG EVENING FEB 2.

3. AIRCRAFT DEPARTED BANGKOK AT 0200 FEB 3, AND TURNED BACK 10 MINUTES BEYOND BURMESE AIRSPACE EN ROUTE DELHI FOLLOWING SUDDEN BURST OF FLAME AT REAR OF AIRCRAFT ABOUT 0300. AIRCRAFT LANDED BANGKOK 0410 AND REMAINS HERE PENDING SCRUTINY BY PAA SECURITY MAN DUE THIS AFTERNOON FROM HONG KONG.

4. SUSPECT, WHO INSISTS HE WAS DRUNK AND REMEMBERS LITTLE,
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WAS BURNED SLIGHTLY IN FIRE WHICH WAS EXTINGUISHED BY CABIN

CREW. SUSPECT CLAIMS HE ENTERED TOILET WHILE SMOKING AND THAT TOILET BURST INTO FLAME WHEN HE OPENED DOOR. STORY MAY BE TRUE, SINCE FIRE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY MIXTURE OF BUTANE CIGARETTE LIGHTER FLUID AND POSSIBLY BENZINE POURED IN REAR PORT AND REPEAT AND STARBOARD TOILET BOWLS AT REAR OF PLANE (EMPTY BUTANE CANISTERS AND WHISKY BOTTLE SMELLING OF BENZINE FOUND STUFFED IN TOWEL RACKS).

5. NAMES AND PASSPORT INFO ON REMAINING 64 PASSENGERS, NONE INJURED, WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP.

6. INASMUCH AS EVIDENCE CLEARLY POINTS TO DELIBERATE SABOTAGE, PAA REP RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE TRANSPORT TO OTHER PASSENGERS UNTIL NAME CHECK COMPLETED.

7. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT SUSPECT OR OTHER SABOTEUR ON AIRCRAFT INTENDED TO SHARE FATE OF AIRCRAFT, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT PERSONS UNKNOWN SPREAD BUTANE IN AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS ON GROUND IN BANGKOK. WE HAVE RAISED LATER POSSIBILITY WITH PAA REP.

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